



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

California Governor Newsom issued a statewide stay at home order to protect the health and well-being of all Californians to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19.

While some may view this move as an extraordinary measure, these are extraordinary times, and we must act quickly to the spread of COVID-19. The more aggressive we are now in complying with the order, the shorter the duration of our lives being interrupted.

The Lincoln City Council took significant action on March 17, 2020, to ratify the Proclamation of a Local Emergency in the City of Lincoln. During an emergency meeting on March 17, 2020, we also extended emergency powers to the City Manager so that she can respond as necessary to fast changing events caused by COVID-19 virus. We took these steps, not because we are in imminent danger, but because these are prudent and proactive actions that help the city and its' residents in the future. The proclamation ensures our ability to get Federal and State funds to reimburse us for costs we might incur as a result of the pandemic. It also opens the door for us to get mutual aid beyond our normal partners. The emergency powers granted allow the City Manager to respond quickly, bypassing the usual bureaucracy, in cases where the response time is important to our resident's health and safety.

The City is constantly updating information as it becomes available on multiple outlets. The State has an excellent website (<https://covid19.ca.gov/>) with all of the current information -- including the text of the new statewide stay at home order -- and resources you can access to get through these chaotic times.

The City website (www.lincolncalifornia.gov) has information about what government services have been curtailed as a result of our proactive preparation.

The greater community has performed in its standard "Lincolnite" mode of supporting one another graciously. One note of interest is that a lot of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that rely on volunteer workers have changed their requirements to protect the "at risk people" by limiting their participation. This has resulted in a need for additional support from the 14 - 60 age group that have no underlying medical conditions. So do any of you who fit that group description have any time on your hands?

In summary, the State of Emergency is a necessary Proclamation to allow the City to be positioned to quickly respond to changes in response to the pandemic. It gives us latitude to execute the necessary acts that will minimize the long term financial, safety and health effects of this crisis on our community.

Please continue your support of friends and neighbors who need it.

If we, on all levels, continue to be proactive, we will "flatten the curve" and reduce the impact of COVID-19 on Lincoln.

Be strong, be supportive, be **LINCOLN**.

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